

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 1977

10:00 o'clock a.m.

DOYLE G. BERRY,  
Chairman

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# P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened on Tuesday, March 29, 197<sup>7</sup><sub>6</sub>, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Doyle G. Berry, Chairman, presiding. . . .

## PRESENT WERE:

· DOYLE G. BERRY, Chairman  
 · DONALD F. WILLE, Vice Chairman  
 · J. C. GILBERT, Member  
 · JEAN LAPEYRE, Member  
 · HARVEY CLAY LUTTRELL, Member  
 · J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director.

## A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of February 25, 1977. (5)

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Request from L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc. (6)

for permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Chalmette at Mile 88.5 AHP and from the vicinity of Mereaux at Mile 88 AHP.



3. Request from F & S Equipment Company, Inc. (7)  
for permit to remove fill material from  
the left descending bank of the Missis-  
sippi River, Mile 164.5 AHP.
4. Request from Kitchen & Ostarly, Inc. for (9)  
renewal of permit to remove fill material  
from the Mississippi River at Mile 107  
and 108 AHP, Harahan, Jefferson Parish,  
Louisiana.
5. Request from T. L. James & Company, Inc. for (10)  
renewal of permit dated March 28, 1972,  
expiring March 28, 1977, to remove fill  
material from the Mississippi River in  
the vicinity of Mile 131.2 near Killona,  
St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.
6. Request for renewal of permit to remove fill (11)  
material from the Mississippi River at  
Hahnville, Louisiana by T. L. James &  
Company, Inc.
7. Request from Central States Dredging Company (12)  
for permit to dredge sand and gravel  
from the Mississippi River, along middle  
bar opposite Delta Point Revetment,



Mile 436.6 to Mile 437.5 AHP; and along face of middle bar opposite below Race-track Dikes, Mile 429.5 to Mile 431.5 AHP.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER

8. Request to give Director authority to extend oyster season in Calcasieu Lake (west side only). (13)
9. Adoption of rules and regulations for bait shrimp season. (16)
10. Closing date for current season on state oyster grounds. (21)
11. Discussion of rules and regulations and request of application for mineral lease in the St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge. (26)

MR. JOE HERRING

12. Ratify adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to nature trail on Pearl River Wildlife Management Area. (31)
13. Report on turkey trapping and stocking program. (36)

MR. KENNETH SMITH

14. Request from Delta Exploration Company to (39)



conduct a seismograph survey across  
Lake d'Arbonne.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Mrs. Brucie Rafferty - Presentation on the  
Nature Center.

(41;  
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16. Ms. Sally McCollough - Sierra Club.

(41)

17. Set date for April meeting.

(44)

ADJOURNMENT

(44)

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CHAIRMAN DOYLE G. BERRY: Good morning,  
ladies and gentlemen. We are glad to have you  
with us this morning. We propose to kind of rush  
this meeting along. Our former director and friend  
Joe Hare passed away day before yesterday and is  
being buried this afternoon, I believe at two  
o'clock, and some of us would like to attend that  
funeral, so we are going to move this along and  
get out of here.

Approval of minutes of the February 25  
meeting. Do I have a motion?

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. GILBERT: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye,

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered..

Dr. St. Amant. Doc, I understand most of these are just what I call plain vanilla requests. I know it is going to take a motion on each one of them, so we will run through them in a hurry and get some motions..

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman, most of these are renewals of existing permits and they all have met the requirements of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. We have not had any problems with them. I would recommend that they individually be renewed for a period of one year at five cents. I will read them by title.

The first one is a request by Murphy Trucking Service for a permit at Mile 88.5 AHP in the vicinity of Mereaux.

MR. WILLE: I move approval.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille and seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to L. MURPHY TRUCKING SERVICE, INC. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at approximately 87.9 to 88.5 Miles AHP for a period of one year from March 29, 1977 to March 29, 1978 at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next one is a request by F & S Equipment Company, Inc. for permit to remove fill material from the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at Mile 164.5 AHP.



We recommend it be granted.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Wille. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission does hereby grant permis-  
sion to F & S EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.  
to remove fill material from the  
Mississippi River, left descending bank,  
at Mile 164.5 AHP, for a period of one  
year from March 29, 1977 to March 29,  
1978 at a royalty rate of five cents  
per cubic yard.





DR. ST. AMANT: Third is a request from Kitchen & Ostarly, Inc. for renewal of an existing permit at Miles 107 and 108 AHP. We recommend that this be renewed.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to KITCHEN & OSTARLY, INC. for renewal of permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Miles 107 and 108 AHP, Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, for a



period of one year from March 25, 1977 to March 25, 1978 at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next is a request by T. L. James & Company for renewal of a permit at Mile 131.2 AHP. We would recommend this one be renewed.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, INC. for renewal of their permit to remove



fill material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Mile 131.2 AHP near Killona, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from March 28, 1977 to March 28, 1978, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: We have another one by T. L. James & Company for renewal of a permit that they now hold in the Mississippi River at Hahnville, Louisiana. We recommend renewal.

MR. WILLE: So move.

MR. GILBERT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille and seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, INC. to renew their permit for removal of fill material from the Mississippi River at Hahnville, Louisiana, for a period of one year from March 25, 1977 to March 25, 1978, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final request is from Central States Dredging for a permit to dredge at Delta Point Revetment, Mile 436.6 to Mile 437.5 AHP and near Middle Bar opposite Racetrack Dikes at Mile 429.5 AHP. This company has had this permit and we would recommend renewal.

MR. WILLE: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille and seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the



resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission does hereby grant permis-  
sion to CENTRAL STATES DREDGING COM-  
PANY for renewal of their permit for  
removal of sand and gravel from the  
Mississippi River along Middle Bar  
opposite Delta Point Revetment, Mile  
436.6 to Mile 437.5 AHP, and along face  
of Middle Bar opposite below Racetrack  
Dikes, Mile 429.5 to Mile 431.5 AHP,  
for a period of one year from March 29,  
1977 to March 29, 1978.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dr. St. Amant.  
Harry Schafer.

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER: Mr. Chairman, as you  
recall, we had a season on Calcasieu Lake that was  
set by the Commission in July and it was to end  
the end of this month. Last month we came before  
you and told you that there were some oysters left  
on the west side and we were thinking about



extending the season another thirty days just for the west side.

In the meantime, however, they have had some enforcement problems in that they are using dredges, fishing at night, taking more than they are supposed to, and not culling. I would like, instead of extending the season by the Commission, give the authority to the Director that if it is feasible and if we can correct some of these, then the Director would be able to extend the season.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Not only just extend, give the authority to do whatever is necessary. This just gives me the authority to extend. We need maybe the authority also to close.

THE CHAIRMAN: To extend or close the season.

MR. SCHAFER: Well, it will close automatically if he does not extend it.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: After it has been extended for a period of thirty days, you may want to close it within that thirty-day period but you



have no authority to do it under this.

THE CHAIRMAN: The recommendation stands amended to give the Director authority to extend or close or whatever is necessary to control the oyster season in Calcasieu lake on the west side.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Wille. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, R. S. 56, Section 433,  
gives the authority to the Commission to  
open and close oyster seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Commission at  
the July 13, 1976 meeting set the  
oyster season in Calcasieu to run from  
November 15, 1976 through March 31,



1977, and

WHEREAS, there is still a small supply of oysters on the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission give the Director the authority to extend or close the season in Calcasieu Lake on the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel if this proves to be feasible.

MR. SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, the next item is the setting of the rules and regulations for the bait shrimp during the closed season between the spring and the fall seasons. This was passed by Act 238 in the 1976 legislature, which authorizes the Commission to set these rules and regulations.

We have gone through these rules and regulations last month. If you want to go through them individually again, these are the rules and regulations that we have followed for the past four or five years when we had this bait shrimp season by resolution. The only change is that they have to apply for their permit before May 1, that they can





only use a trawl up to 25 feet and they have to report to us after the end of the season what they have taken.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think every member on the Board has seen those rules and regulations. Are you satisfied with them?

MR. LAPEYRE: I move adoption.

MR. GILBERT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, Act 238, 1976, authorizes the Commission to set rules and regulations for bait shrimp,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations are adopted by the Commission:



- (1) An application for a bait shrimp permit must be filed with the Department prior to May 1 in order that an onsite inspection may be made by the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to determine that the applicant has adequate facilities aerated and/or water circulate holding tanks, at his shoreside facility and aboard the fishing vessel, to maintain shrimp in a live condition. No bait shrimp permits will be issued after June 30;
- (2) The individual bait dealer will provide an affidavit or notarized statement disclosing that he is an established resident of Louisiana and a bona fide bait dealer presently operating in this capacity;
- (3) At the time of issuance of the permit, the dealer will post a



\$1,000 property or performance bond or a certified check in that amount to establish his obligation in meeting the terms of the permit;

- (4) The bait dealer will post signs on the principal vessel with at least 12-inch letters, visible from either side and from the air; the signs will list the registration number of the vessel used and the permit number identifying him as a bait dealer; only one vessel will be used per bait permit;
- (5) The equipment used in the taking of live shrimp for bait will consist of a trawl of not more than 25 feet along cork line, a live-well, bait skiff, or live-box which may be a part or separate from the principal vessel used; other gear used must not in any way conflict with existing laws for the taking



of salt-water shrimp;

- (6) The bait dealer shall have no more than 50 pounds of dead shrimp in his possession (aboard the boat and shore plant) at any time; no restrictions are stipulated regarding the number of live shrimp in his possession;
- (7) The individual bait dealer will advise the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as to his principal area of operation or the area where he intends to catch shrimp for bait;
- (8) No shrimp to be sold as live bait will be taken before sunrise or after sunset, no night fishing;
- (9) The permit or a copy of same must be in the possession of the bait dealer or a designated fulltime employee when taking live shrimp for live bait during the special bait season;



- (10) This permit is not transferable;
- (11) The permit holder will submit to the Department not later than September 1 a report showing the total poundage, by species, of shrimp taken during this special season;
- (12) The penalty for not complying with any of these regulations is the forfeiture of the \$1,000 bond or cash and loss of the privilege of obtaining a bait shrimp permit the following year.

MR. SCHAFFER: The last thing I have on the agenda is the closing of the state oyster grounds. R. S. 56:433 gives the authority to the Commission to close the season anytime between January 1 and May 20. We have spoken to the oyster industry and our biologists have been checking out there. The catches have been going down and in order to insure a continuous supply of seed for next season I would recommend that the season be closed effective at sundown Friday, April 1.



Mr. Chairman, I think you have some oyster people in the audience that might want to talk on this subject.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Does anyone wish to make a comment on this? Please step forward and give us your name for the record, sir.

MR. PETER VUJNOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I represent the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association. I was appointed by Mr. A. J. Buquet to be here today.

We recommend the closure of the oyster season as of April 1, due that they are getting scarcer and scarcer and let's try and save some for next year. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Tell A. J. next time to come himself, we haven't seen him in a good while! Would you come forward, please, sir.

MR. LEOPOLD TALANCICH: Gentlemen and members of the audience, will that include the area back of the red line, too? All state-owned grounds? Because we have been having a little problem with



the three-inch law. It has been enforced outside the red line but back of the red line they have been raiding everybody's bedding grounds. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Harry, would you come up?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Harry, are we about ready to run into the same problem we had last year? We made a recommendation, we did one thing, one group wanted one closing area and within a week's time we changed our minds and another group came in and put the pressure and then we changed it around. Are we maybe getting ourselves boxed up in the same thing again?

MR. SCHAFER: I don't think we will please everybody but I think the majority of the oyster people now will go along with this April first closing.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: And what area are we talking about, ahead of the red line, back of the red line, what?

MR. SCHAFER: We are talking about all state grounds that are not leased.



THE CHAIRMAN: All state grounds that are not leased?

MR. SCHAFER: Will be closed April first.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Are these areas identified where proper enforcement can be --

MR. SCHAFER: You can never properly enforce those, particularly around the leases, because people can be out there working leases, and so unless all leases are marked, there is no way of telling whether this man is on a lease or on state grounds.

Really what we are saying are the seed grounds outside the red line. This is the main part that we patrol and this is the main part that we enforce.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's kind of like a lock. These laws are made for honest people; the crooks are going to break them, anyhow, and Jimmy hasn't got enough people to catch them all.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Thank you, Harry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard.





the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: Move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Wille. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.

WHEREAS, R. S. 56, Section 433, gives the authority to the Commission to open and close oyster seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Commission personnel have met with members of the oyster industry, and

WHEREAS, the catch has declined in the past several months on the oyster seed grounds, and

WHEREAS, in order to insure a continuous supply of seed for next



season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Commission close the oyster  
season on the state grounds effective  
Friday, April 1, 1977, at sundown.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and  
Members of the Commission, the State Mineral Board  
has received an application for a mineral lease on  
the 1300-acre St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge that is  
owned and operated by the Commission, on the north  
shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

They have asked that we provide them with  
rules and regulations under which the Refuge would  
be protected against any unnecessary damages and  
they said they wanted to get this advertisement  
ready for the May 16 lease sale, so we prepared and  
forwarded to them copies of these proposed rules  
and regulations which basically provide that there  
will be no drilling or production operations or  
canals constructed on the surface of that property.

Now this particular 1300-acre is a very  
narrow strip of marshland that runs for a length



of about eight miles along the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Its width averages only a few hundred feet.

These rules and regulations would provide that they would set up their drilling operations in Lake Pontchartrain at least 500 feet off the beach and drill directionally under the property for production purposes. Otherwise the rules and regulations are basically the same as we used on other refuges.

We would like to recommend that the Commission ratify the action taken in forwarding these proposed rules and regulations to them, that you adopt these rules and regulations, and then they would be made a part of any lease that would be issued by the Mineral Board on this property.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?



(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the State Mineral  
Board has received an application for  
a mineral lease on the 1,300-acre St.  
Tammany Wildlife Refuge which is owned  
and operated by the Louisiana Wild Life  
and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Mineral Board  
has requested that the Commission  
provide appropriate rules and regula-  
tions for inclusion in the advertisement  
for bids and also in any mineral lease  
that may be issued on this property, and

WHEREAS, this Refuge occupies  
a long narrow strip of marshland border-  
ing the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain,  
and

WHEREAS, a study of the area  
has revealed that mineral operations



under appropriate regulations could be conducted without damage to the surface of the Refuge,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to be used for the purpose of controlling any mineral operations that may take place on, under or adjacent to the Refuge boundaries:

1. No drilling and production operation or canals shall be permitted on the surface of the area.
2. All drilling shall be by directional means from Lake Pontchartrain or from adjacent land or waters along the boundary of the Refuge.
3. Drilling and production activities in Lake Pontchartrain shall be restricted for a distance of 500 feet along the entire Refuge boundary. Access to directional



drilling locations in Lake Pontchartrain shall be by most direct route from deep water to prevent excessive damage to aquatic vegetation and erosion to shoal area and shoreline.

4. Lessee shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the State Mineral Board for the protection of game and wildlife, and particularly no hunting, fishing or any other activity harmful to wildlife shall be permitted on any part of the leased land or any other part of the Refuge.
5. All development not otherwise specified above shall be subject to approval of the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries and the State Mineral Board.
6. All of the state and federal pollution control regulations



shall be adhered to.

7. The willful or continued violation of any of the aforesaid regulations shall constitute cause for revocation of the lease.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Yancey.  
Mr. Herring.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
The first thing we have is the ratification of the nature trails on our wildlife management areas, which was discussed at our January 21, 1977 meeting. I have only two additions and corrections to make in that. In Section 5 where we put hunting in there before 9:30 a.m., we put "suggested;" we are going to come back and put "direct" no one to use the nature trails before 9:30 a.m.

The second thing, after discussing this with our attorney and others, we will have a penalty clause which we had suggested before but we didn't state where it would be found in the book, so it will be under R. S. 56:764.

So, those two things would be in this for ratification.



THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Herring's recommendation.

MR. LAPEYRE: I move adoption.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre and seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club has met in the past with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the purpose of establishing a nature trail on the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this nature trail will be a joint venture between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Sierra Club, and





WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is to erect identification signs along the trail and the Sierra Club is to prepare a publication identifying the various plants, etc. along this trail, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has now erected the signs and the Sierra Club is completing the printed guide, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that certain rules and regulations be established for this trail, and

WHEREAS, these rules are as follows:

1. Cutting, breaking or collecting leaves, plants, etc. is absolutely prohibited. The Commission will, however, provide educational groups conducting sponsored field trips into the area with a written permit to collect leaves and other plant



material for permanent study collections. All such permitted collections will be made from the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area away from the marked trail.

No one is authorized to give you oral permission to collect.

2. No picnicking on the trail. This does not apply to the parking area, however, no garbage disposal will be provided and you should take your own trash back to an authorized disposal area.
3. No horses, bikes or motorized vehicles are permitted on the nature trail.
4. No dogs or firearms permitted except as specified in wildlife management area regulations.
5. Hunting seasons use: Some kind of hunting season is open on the area usually from the first Saturday in October until mid-



January, and a turkey season is usually held during portions of March and April. During squirrel and turkey seasons it is directed that you not use the trail before 9:30 a.m. During the gun hunting season for deer you need to wear the highly visible hunter orange outer garments that are required as a safety measure for deer hunters. See Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulations published annually by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

6. Penalty: Whoever violates the foregoing rules and regulations for each offense shall be prosecuted and subject to penalties under R. S. 56:764,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission adopts these rules and regulations to assure the maximum benefit



for all users of the trail and that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission adopt these same rules on other wildlife management areas operated by the Commission.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, after last night's meeting, I want to assure Mr. Don Wille here one thing. First, that on this turkey report that we have, it won't last more than three minutes, and the second thing I will assure him is we have got more turkeys in north Louisiana than we have got speckled trout! (Laughter)

Just for a quick rundown, and we won't go into details, we did yesterday at our meeting, and also we have a good complete report for the press here if they would like to have anything on our turkey operations starting way back.

A lot of people have asked us just what is the status of our turkey, and we can see, just looking at this map, where the turkey symbols are on Louisiana, this is the only place we had turkey seasons in 1955. In the mid-Sixties we got into a very active program of trapping and transplanting



turkeys from these areas and other states that we could beat out of a few turkeys and what-have-you, swapping them alligators and deer and other things. Now everywhere you see a little orange decal on this map, that is where we have stocked turkeys and during this time, as of December, 1966, we had trapped and transplanted a little over 1,500 turkeys and we put these in 97 different areas in the state. The date is on this for the press or anyone who would like to come up and look at it.

Now we have turkey seasons in about, oh, better than a third of the state, maybe a half of the state, we have some type of turkey season, so we have really made some progress and we feel like in the next few years we can do the same thing with turkeys that we have done with deer, wherever there is suitable range.

The map on the right shows the red line. Below that, according to history and going back as much as 200 years ago where we can find literature, there were no turkeys south of this red line. You can see there now where we have established turkeys in this area and we are having some seasons, and



anywhere there is suitable range we feel in the near future we will have turkeys in many more of these areas.

Just as an example, since we do have this up, everywhere it is black marked on this map, that is where our turkey season is this year. Where the little decal turkeys are, in here, is where the season was in 1955, so we have made some progress and we feel like in the next few years we will make much more.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, let me interrupt you and say this. I think the program is great but it disturbs me and Jean Lapeyre greatly that we don't see any turkeys being put down in St. Mary Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Iberia Parish. There has got to be some habitat there that can grow them. Us coonasses grow pretty good.

MR. HERRING: We are going to have some down there. We have looked at some over there.

THE CHAIRMAN: I just wanted to remind you we thought you ought to have some in there next year.

MR. HERRING: O. K., we will swap them



for speckled trout! (Laughter) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe. I think you have done a mighty fine job with the turkey distribution system. I think it is a lot better than a lot of our neighboring states are doing, using these pen-raised birds, which is kind of like throwing a Sunday School kid down on Bourbon Street, when they turn them out of the pen, in that they don't last long. I think we are using the right approach on that.

Mr. Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, we have a request from Delta Exploration Company to conduct a seismic survey across a portion of d'Arbonne Lake. About two months ago a similar request was approved. We followed the seismograph crews across the lake and determined that there was no surface damage caused by the operation. We would propose to do the same thing on this application and I would recommend that it be approved.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen.



MR. WILLE: I move.

MR. GILBERT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille,  
seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, Delta Exploration  
Company, Inc. of Ruston, Louisiana,  
has requested permission to conduct  
a seismograph survey across a portion  
of Lake d'Arbonne located in Union  
Parish, Sections 22, 23, 27, 33 and 34  
in T21N, R1W and Section 4 in T20N,  
R1W, and

WHEREAS, this survey will  
consist of a 20-pound charge shot at  
a depth of 120 feet below the surface  
of the land at 230-foot intervals, and





WHEREAS, similar seismograph surveys recently conducted on Lake d'Arbonne have caused no surface damage,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the above-stated request providing the survey crew is accompanied by a representative of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Brucie Rafferty.  
Is Mrs. Rafferty in the audience this morning?

(No response)

Mrs. Sally McCollough, from the Sierra Club.

MRS. SALLY MCCOLLOUGH: I represent the New Orleans Chapter of the Sierra Club. We would like to thank the Fish and Wild Life Commission for performing a real public service in establishing the nature trail on Honey Island Swamp. We think that we can help you, if you will let us, to provide uses for that trail and to encourage the public to use that as a part of the wildlife



management area.

If there is any way that we can help you, we would like to know. We have some ideas in mind now. We have a revitalized education committee and we are thinking of working through the schools, such as taking teachers, primarily biology teachers, through the Swamp and on the trail, possibly led by some of your guides or possibly by Robert Murray, wildlife consultant who prepared the self-following study guide, a published form of which is due pretty soon, and then to teach these teachers how to use the trail so that they can bring their classes to the trail.

We also have a large membership. The Sierra Club of New Orleans is 500 or 600 members alone, and then there are a lot of other chapters totaling several thousand people, all over Mississippi and Louisiana, who are really eager to use this trail. I think that we could get the ball rolling on it. We are eager to do it and we are very eager to get the final published form of this trail booklet that was prepared by your staff and Robert Murray. I am wondering whether you have



set a date by which that will be published.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe. Mrs. McCollough; we are not so bad after all, are we?

MR. HERRING: No date has been set. The funds are lacking right now. It is complete and Robert has been working on it real good, but that is probably one of the holdups on it now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Maybe Mrs. McCollough can raise some funds in her organization to do that with, Joe.

MRS. MCCOLLOUGH: We would be willing to help you on it and we have \$200 set aside, either to match your funds or somehow contribute to the entire printing process. Another idea, we have several of us who are good at sketches, and we would like to add a couple of sketches, maybe four or five, to the finished booklet, and maybe prepare a cover, so that it will be really attractive. We are ready to start and work with your organization so if I could get in touch with you or somebody else, we could do that. I will be in contact.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mrs. McCollough. As I said a while ago, we aren't so



bad after all, are we?

MRS. MCCOLLOUGH: I never thought that you were!

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I will say this. That is the first Sierra Club member I have ever met who hasn't been on my back about something, and I am glad to see somebody who thinks we might do something right once in a while! God, isn't that refreshing! Thank you, Mrs. McCollough.

Did Mrs. Brucie Rafferty ever come in?

(No response)

If we have no objections, we will set the April meeting for the 25th and 26th of April.

Is there anything else to come before the Commission? Is there anybody who wishes to be heard? Anybody got anything to say?

(No response)

The meeting stands adjourned.

. . . Whereupon, at 10:40 o'clock a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Commission was adjourned. . . .

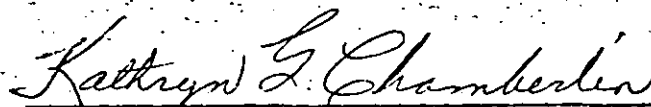
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing (44 pages of typewritten matter) is a true and correct transcription of the tape recording and of the stenographic notes of the proceedings herein, transcribed by me, at the time and place hereinbefore noted.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 19th day of April, 1977.

  
Kathryn G. Chamberlin,  
Reporter.

